

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 05-548)

In re Application of:)
Var Der Burg et al.) Examiner: K.T. Hiriyanna
Serial No.: 10/539,455) Group Art Unit: 1633
Filing Date: December 22, 2003) Confirmation No.: 6860
For: Method For Determining The Presence Of One)
Or More Ligands In A Sample)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

The examiner issued a Restriction Requirement in the above-identified case on March 27, 2009 requiring restriction of the application claims to one of three allegedly different inventions for examination purposes.

The applicant hereby elects to proceed with the examination of claims 1-12, drawn to a method for determining the presence of one or more specific ligands in a sample.

The applicant makes this election with traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

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